Other passengers who are seated far from the microphone should therefore utter loud voices toward the microphone to secure a sufficient input voice level. To improve the speech recognition precision of such a speech recognition system, other passengers than the driver should also utter loud voices toward the microphone to input uttered speeches into the microphone without being affected by noise in a vehicle.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 3 at line 1 with the following paragraph:

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a speech recognition system which has an improved operability and can allow more than one person to secure a sufficient input voice level without uttering loud voices or without being affected by ambient noise.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 23 at line 14 with the following paragraph:

The individual cases 1, 2, 3 and so forth in the noise selection table shown in FIG. 8 are preset based on the results of experiments on the voice characteristics obtained when passengers actually uttered voices at various positions in a vehicle in which all the microphones M_1-M_N were actually installed.

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 30 at line 12 with the following paragraph:

In the next step 208, the speech recognizer 7 read the speech frame data and noise frame data most suitable for speech recognition from the storage section 4, performs speech recognition on the read speech frame data and noise frame data, and

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